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SUBJECT: LE MONDE INQUIRY RE PROPOSED NUCLEAR SECURITY
CONFERENCE

1. EMBASSY SCICON RECEIVED TELEPHONE INQUIRY LATE TODAY FROM LE MONDE SCIENTIFIC EDITOR NICOLAS VICHNEY IN WHICH HE WAS SEEKING CONFIRMATION OF LEAD OTHERS ON LE MONDE EDITORIAL STAFF HAD COLLECTED IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH PEOPLE AROUND THE ELYSEE PALACE. THE LEAD IS THAT THE U.S. HAS PROPOSED A CONFERENCE OF NUCLEAR EXPORTING STATES, E.G., CANADA, JAPAN AND SOME WE'S, TO DEVELOP NEW INTERNATIONAL MEASURES FOR SECURITY OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS.
2. SCICON'S RESPONSE WAS THAT HE KNEW OF NO SPECIFIC PLANS FOR A CONFERENCE. HE NOTED THAT THERE CONTINUES TO BE EXCHANGE OF VISITS AT THE EXPERT LEVEL BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE U.S., AS WELL AS AMONG OTHER NUCLEAR EXPORTING STATES, ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR SECURITY MATTERS (E.G. E. B. GILLER OF AEC DECEMBER 10). VICHNEY IS ACQUAINTED WITH SUCH EXCHANGES AND NOTED THAT HE THOUGHT THIS A MORE FRUITFUL LINE OF EFFORT THAN A LARGE CONFERENCE.

3. LE MONDE MAY WELL PUT OUT SOME STORY ON THIS MATTER. WE WILL KEEP THE DEPARTMENT ADVISED IN SUCH CASE.

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